Chairmen McCrory and Sanchez, Ranking Members Berthel and McCarty, and esteemed members of Education Committee, thank you for allowing us to submit testimony on SB 7150.

Forcing towns to pay these annual contributions will create gaps in their budgets, and will mean increased property taxes.

Secondly, local school districts negotiate teachers' salaries, but they do not negotiate the terms of their pensions, as this is something that is done by the State. Asking the towns to pay for the costs of something in which they have no say is not appropriate.

We are strongly opposed to bills SB 7150. Thank you again for hearing our testimony. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

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